

## INVESTIGATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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| Reporting Year: 2006   | Park:<br>Shenandoah NP  |   |  |                                    | Select the type of permit this report addresses: Scientific Study |             |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|------------------------------------|---|-------------|---|--|
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| Project Title (maximu<br>AN INVESTIGATIO<br>(2,000 FEET) WITH  | ON OF THE ECO   | LOGY OF T                                     |  | OX TURT                            | LE (Terr  | rapene c. c | carolina) ABOVE 607 METERS              |  |
| , ,  |   | Park-assigned Permit #:<br>SHEN-2005-SCI-0003 |  | Permit Start Date:<br>Feb 11, 2005 |   | e:          | Permit Expiration Date:<br>Feb 11, 2011 |  |
| Scientific Study Starti<br>Jun 01, 2001  | Estimated Scientific Study Ending Date:<br>Feb 11, 2011                   |   |  |                                    |   |             |   |  |
| For either a Scientific Study or a Science<br>Education Activity, the status is:                             |   |   | For a Scientific Study that is completed, please check each of the following that applies:   |                                    |   |             |   |  |
| Continuing   |   |   | A final report has been provided to the park or will be provided to the park within the next two years                               |                                    |   |             |   |  |
|  |   |   | Copies of field notes, data files, photos, or other study records, as agreed, have been provided to the park                         |                                    |   |             |   |  |
|  |   |   | All collected and retained specimens have been cataloged into the NPS catalog system and NPS has processed loan agreements as needed |                                    |   |             |   |  |
| Activity Type:<br>Research   |   |   | ,  |                                    |   |             |   |  |
| Subject/Discipline: Herpetology (Amphi   | bians / Reptiles)   |   |  |                                    |   |             |   |  |

## Purpose of Scientific Study or Science Education Activity during the reporting year (maximum 4000 characters):

To radio track eastern box turtles within SNP at elevations greater than 607 meters (2,000 feet)in order to collect data on their ecology (diet, behavior, movements, habitat use, and reproduction).

## Findings and status of Scientific Study or accomplishments of Science Education Activity during the reporting year (maximum 4000 characters):

Two turtles currently being monitored (adult male and adult female). Adult male (SNP2) showed symptoms of an acute respiratory infection in the fall of 2005. SNP2 survived the overwintering period, but remained in poor health (post-emergence) in the spring of 2006. SNP2 successfully entered an overwintering site in the fall of 2006.

For Scientific Studies (not Science Education Activities), were any specimens collected and removed from the park but not destroyed during analysis?

| No   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Funding specifically used in this park this reporting year that was provided by NPS (enter dollar amount): \$0               | Funding specifically used in this park this reporting year that was provided by all other sources (enter dollar amount): \$0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| List any other U.S. Government Agencies supporting this study or activity and the funding each provided this reporting year: |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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